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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PROVISIONS ON
- COMPENSATION FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

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1. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC THAT YOU AND OTHER OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON ARE SENSITIVE TO THE DAMAGING EFFECT THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL TO DENY FUNDS FOR COMPENSATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN EXCESS OF LOCALLY PREVAILING RATES AND PRACTICES COULD HAVE ON OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN JAPAN. YOUR INITIATIVE IN TAKING THE MATTER UP WITH KITAMURA, AND THEREBY INDICATING OUR SENSITIVITIES, WAS MOST HELPFUL. APART FROM THE CHAOTIC LABOR TURMOIL THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ANY EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROVISION, I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS KIND OF PRESSURE MIGHT WELL MAKE IT TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO SECURE ADDITIONAL BUDGETARY RELIEF FOR OUR FORCES THIS YEAR.

2. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS OUR FINANCIAL PLIGHT AND IS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THERE IS A FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY, IF NOT ACTIVE SUPPORT, ON THE
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PART OF SOME OPPOSITION LEADERS. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY LEGAL PROVISION REQUIRING THE JAPANESE TO DO MORE FOR US, THE GOJ'S RATIONALE HAS BEEN BASED ON ARGUMENTS OF MUTUALITY OF INTEREST. THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF A DISPARITY BETWEEN THEIR DEFENSE SPENDING DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES, QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE, IN RECENT YEARS AND THAT OF SOME OF THE NATO COUNTRIES. (ON THE OTHER HAND,

I HAVE JUST READ BONN'S 14197, WHICH INDICATES THAT THE GOJ IS DOING CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN THE FRG ON OUR BEHALF IN MANY AREAS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE NUMBER OF US TROOPS INVOLVED IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.)

3. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE TACTIC REPRESENTED BY THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSAL CAN ONLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. I DO NOT WISH TO SOUND CASSANDRA-LIKE, BUT I THINK PASSAGE OF THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION WOULD FINISH OFF COST-SHARING POSSIBILITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR. THE JAPANESE, LIKE MOST OTHER PEOPLE, SIMPLY DO NOT RESPOND WELL TO THIS KIND OF PRESSURE. IF YOU FEEL THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN USEFULLY DO FROM HERE TO HELP PERSUADE SPONSORS OF THE MEASURE THAT IT IS NOT IN OUR BEST INTEREST, PLEASE LET ME KNOW. MANSFIELD

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